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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: WORKING GROUP I MEETING OCTOBER 13.

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 45

1. SUMMARY. POINTS OF PRINCIPAL INTEREST IN WORKING GROUP I MEETING OCTOBER 13 RELATE TO DISCUSSION ABOUT US ARTICLES III (BASIC LIMITATIONS), IV (DEVICE DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS), VI (APPLICATION TO THIRD COUNTRIES), AND IX (DURATION). A NUMBER OF INSUBSTANTIAL LANGUAGE CHANGES IN TREATY TEXT WERE ADDRESSED AD REFERENDUM. RESTRICTED MEETING SET FOR 10:00 AM TUESDAY OCTOBER 14. END SUMMARY.

2. US ARTICLE III - TIMERBAEV ARGUED THAT, AS IN SOVIET ARTICLE II, LANGUAGE SHOULD REFLECT RIGHTS OF PARTIES, RATHER THAN LIMITATIONS OR PROHIBITIONS, TO GIVE PNEs (WHICH ARE CREATIVE) POSITIVE CAST. US SIDE POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET FORMULATION WOULD NOT, FOR EXAMPLE, PROHIBIT SINGLE EXPLOSIONS ABOVE 150 KT, INDEED DOES NOT EVEN ADDRESS THEM. TIMERBAEV HAD NO RESPONSE, AND PROMISED TO REVIEW LANGUAGE WITH SOVIET LAWYER. HE DID SAY THAT SOVIET AIM WAS TO HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY SAME EFFECT AS US LANGUAGE.

3. US ARTICLE IV - TIMERBAEV ARGUED THAT THIS ARTICLE CONTAINED SUBSTANTIVE DEFICIENCY BY CREATING IMPRESSION THAT PNEs SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS EXCEPTIONS. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT PNEs ARE EXCEPTIONS THROUGH REQUIREMENT THAT THEY PROVIDE NO WEAPON-RELATED BENEFITS. NVIKOV

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ASSERTED ARTICLE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHEN TRANSMITTED

INTO RUSSIAN. HE ALSO ASKED IF US INTENTION WAS TO PROHIBIT SCIENTIFIC APPLICATIONS SUCH AS DEEP SEISMIC SOUNDING, AND STRESSED THAT MAIN DIFFICULTY FOR SOVIETS WAS IN LANGUAGE "...EXCEPT PEACEFUL ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS WHICH FOR TECHNICAL REASONS CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT AT SUCH TEST SITES." SOVIETS SAID THEY AGREE WITH IDEA CONTAINED IN ARTICLE, AND US AGREED TO REVIEW CURRENT LANGUAGE.

4. US ARTICLE VI - TIMERBAEV ARGUED THAT SOVIET CONCERN IS THAT ARTICLE WOULD ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS IN A BILATERAL TREATY AFFECTING THIRD PARTIES, INCLUDING NPT PARTIES. HE UNDERSTANDS INTENT IS TO PRECLUDE US OR USSR CARRYING OUT PNES IN THIRD COUNTRIES OUTSIDE SCOPE OF LIMITATIONS AND VERIFICATION PROVISIONS IN BILATERAL TREATY, BUT, HE ASSERTS, THIS WOULD BE FULLY COVERED BY NPT ARTICLE V OBLIGATION TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES WHICH ARE IN PROCESS OF BEING WORKED OUT AT IAEA TO GOVERN SUCH PNES. WHEN ASKED IF HE COULD CONCEIVE, FOR EXAMPLE, OF A DIFFERENT YIELD LIMIT, WHICH MIGHT BE HIGHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN US-USSR PNE AGREEMENT, IN THE "APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES" WORKED OUT TO FULFILL NPT ARTICLE V, TIMERBAEV ANSWERED YES.

5. US ARTICLE IX - TIMERBAEV SAID TTBT REGULATES WEAPONS AND IS AN ARMS CONTROL MEASURE, WHEREAS "PNES ARE DEAR TO MANKIND" AND, THEREFORE, PNE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE OF UNLIMITED DURATION. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT PNE AGREEMENT WOULD ALSO BE AN ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT SINCE IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE LIMITATIONS AND VERIFICATION ADEQUATE TO PRECLUDE WEAPON-RELATED BENEFITS. SOVIETS SAID THEY WOULD LOOK AGAIN AT QUESTION OF DURATION.

6 BOTH SIDES AGREED ON MINOR CHANGES IN LANGUAGE, AND REFERENDUM TO DELEGATIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

(A) PREAMBLE PARAS BEGINNING "REAFFIRMING" NOW IDENTICAL WITH (1) DELETION OF "IN PARTICULAR" FROM US TEXT, (2) ADDING REFERENCE TO TTBT TO SOVIET TEXT, (3) ADDING SOVIET "EXPRESSING THEIR DETERMINATION"

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LANGUAGE TO US TEXT.

(B) PARTIAL RECASTING OF US ARTICLE VII PARA 1 TO CORRELATE WITH CORRESPONDING LANGUAGE OF SOVIET DRAFT.

7. AT REQUEST OF US SIDE, RESTRICTED MEETING SET FOR 10:00 AM TUESDAY OCTOBER 14.
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